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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1892.

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No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCACTION of the above
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ROOMS, 1st Floor, 10, PRINCE STREET,
the 13th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1892.

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23rd February, 1892.

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WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

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EQUAL TO \$318,000.00

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HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRINCE WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ISSUE OF 10,000 NEW SHARES OF
\$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution, the GENERAL
MANAGER of A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED, hereby invites applications from the
SHAREHOLDERS of the Company for the ISSUE
of 10,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 each at a
Premium of 50 per cent, or \$15 a Share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 31st day
of May next applying for the New Issue will
be entitled to One Share for every Five Shares
registered in his name. Shares remaining un-
allotted in respect of incomplete numbers of
Five Shares and Shares not applied for by those
entitled to apply, will be allotted among the
General Manager and the Company's staff.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will
be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 1st
to the 4th of June next, both days inclusive, and
the whole amount applied for will be payable on
application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will
be CLOSED from the 1st to the 4th day of
June next, both days inclusive.

The present paid-up Capital of the Company is
\$500,000 divided into 50,000 Shares of \$10
each, and the New Issue is required to increase
the Capital of the Company to \$600,000 divided
into 60,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Part of the premium received from the New
Issue will be devoted to increasing the Permanent
Reserve Fund to the sum of \$150,000, and the
remainder will be placed to the credit of the
Reserve Fund for the Equalization of Divi-
dends.

The last Dividend paid by the Company was
on the 31st November, 1891, being an Interim
Dividend at the rate of 14 per cent, per annum
on account of that year, and the Final Dividend
for 1891 will be payable in May next. The
New Issue will rank for the Interim Dividend to
be declared in November next on account of
1892.

Forms of application for the New Issue can be
obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICES over the
Hongkong Dispensary or at the HONGKONG
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By Order,
A. H. MANCINI,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1892.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

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Billiards by General Drayson 40 cents.

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Golf by W. T. Linskill 40 cents.

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Sole Agents for Saller's Celebrated Black Gut Tennis Bats.

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Hongkong, 9th April, 1892.

Intimations.

THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the Shamen Hotel and Land Company,
Limited, will be held at the Company's Office,
5, Pedder's Hill, on MONDAY, 18th April,
1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the
subscribed Resolutions which were passed at the
Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on
the 4th April, 1892, will be submitted for con-
firmation as Special Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—That Article 86 of the Articles of Association
be cancelled, and that there be substituted
therefor the following:—

"86.—The number of Directors shall
not be less than three, nor more
than five."

2.—That Article 87 of the Articles of Association
be cancelled, and that there be substituted
therefor the following:—

"87.—No person shall be eligible to
be a Director, unless he be the
registered holder of not less than
25 Shares."

3.—That in the second line of Article 91 of the
Articles of Association the word "Two
Thousand Dollars" be cancelled and that
there be substituted therefor the word "One
Thousand Dollars."

4.—That in the second and third lines of Article
No. 94, of the Articles of Association the
words "The one, third or other nearest
number" be cancelled, and there be
substituted therefor the words "the one
Director."

5.—That Article 114A of the Articles of Associa-
tion be cancelled, and that there be sub-
stituted therefor the following:—

"114A.—The Directors may appoint
any Solicitor or firm of Solicitors to
be the Solicitors of the Com-
pany."

By Order of the Board,
R. C. HURLEY,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1892.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company,
will be held at the Registered Office of the
Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on
TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1892, at 4.30 p.m.,
for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit,
passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the 10,000 Shares of \$100 each, into
which the Capital of the Company is now
divided, be subdivided into 100,000 Shares
of \$10 each."

By Order,
HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED).

THE Sixth Ordinary HALF-YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company, will be held at the Company's
Office, Connaught House, on FRIDAY, the 22nd
April, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Account to 30th September, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 8th to the 22nd instant, both days
inclusive.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1892.

Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAU-LOONG,"

Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
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Hongkong, 11th April, 1892.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1892.

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FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
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THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"

Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on
or about WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 4
p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR CHINA.

Per P. and O. steamer *Britannia*, from London, March 18th.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark, Miss Forsyth, Dr. J. Dudgeon, To Hongkong: Capt. W. McClellan, Surgeon-Capt. J. R. Stuart, Mr. Van Vliet, Miss Humphries, Capt. J. M. McQuhee, R.N., Mr. W. H. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shelly Brand. March 27th.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. S. King, To Hongkong: Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir E. Fremantle, K.C.B., C.M.G., Mr. G. G. Brady.

Per P. and O. steamer *Rosalia*, from London, April 1st.—To Hongkong: Mr. W. W. Ford.

Per P. and O. steamer *Massilia*, from London, April 1st.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burkill and two sons. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. F. Brown, Capt. W. McClellan, R.N., Mr. E. F. Somers, Mr. J. A. Chandler, Staff Commander John Edwards, R.N., Mr. F. Brockington, Mr. C. Beavill.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney*, from Marseilles, April 3rd.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. G. Gordon, Mr. J. H. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lord, Mr. W. White, Mr. T. W. Aldis, Mr. A. J. Brown, Mrs. Honey, Mr. H. Schler.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney*, from Marseilles, April 3rd.—To Shanghai: Mr. Robert Hinch, To Hongkong: Mr. T. G. Yau.

Per Glen Line steamer *Glenloch*, from London, March 6th.—For Shanghai: Mrs. Rogers and child, Mrs. O'Shea and daughter, Miss Galton, Miss Violet Galton, Rev. and Mrs. King, Mr. Francis Williams. For Hongkong: Miss Walker, Miss Brooke, Mr. King, Mr. Mendis.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

LONDON, March 6th.

The *Chronicle's* Moscow correspondent says:—While the *Czarin* and *Czarevich* were driving in St. Petersburg, a parcel, supposed to be an infernal machine, was thrown at them, but missed and fell harmlessly in the snow. The culprit who threw the parcel escaped.

The *Czarin* saw the man running and taking something from under his coat. She turned white, half arose from her seat and then sank back on her son's shoulder. The *Czarin* drove on with all speed, shouting to the police on the drive and pointing toward the man, who hurried off through the crowd. Several arrests were made within a few minutes, but with what results cannot be ascertained. The bundle consisted of a metal receptacle containing a fluid not yet analyzed, and covered with a loose black cloth.

The *Standard's* St. Petersburg correspondent says 300 students took entire possession of the hall at the Winter Garden, *cafe chassant*, and smashed everything in the place in the afternoon, and the police looked on, making no attempt to arrest them.

The usual disorder and row between the Salvation Army and a mob took place at Eastbourne to-day. Several Army lasses were so severely injured that they had to be removed to a hospital.

Portuguese dispatches report another severe storm on the coast.

The *Vicenza* correspondent of the *News* says the report is confirmed that the Khedive intends capturing the Sudan.

PARIS, March 6th.

The police have arrested a waiter named Pleiss, who confesses that he is one of the two accomplices of the thief Crispin, who killed two men and wounded another in the Rue St. Denis a few nights ago.

It is thought that the trial of Deacon for the murder of Abelle will open on May 2d, in the Assize Court of the Department of Alpes-Maritimes. Deacon will be liberated on Tuesday.

Admiral Rieuher has been ordered to proceed with a squadron to Hyeres to salute Queen Victoria on her arrival there.

It has been decided to give Mr. Reid, the retiring United States Minister, a farewell banquet March 24th.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 6th.

The latest advice about the Pacific squadron are that five ships will remain here during the summer and three in southern waters. Those to remain here are the *Warrior*, *Champion*, *Phaeton*, *Daphne* and *Melpomene*, while the *Nymph* and *Garnet* will look after British interests in the south.

MELBOURNE, March 6th.

The suspension of the Mercantile Bank of Australia, announced yesterday, created a profound sensation. A new bank has been formed to acquire the business after the liquidation of the bank's affairs.

BRUSSELS, March 6th.

Yesterday the papers announced that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to blow up one of the foreign embassies here with an infernal machine. The scene of the attempt was the Spanish Legation, not the British embassy, as at first reported. The machine was discovered by a workman, who extinguished the fuse.

MADRID, March 6th.

In an interview after a protracted meeting to-day, Premier Canovas del Castillo said that the Government had determined upon a policy of retrenchment.

VIENNA, March 6th.

Twelve thousand loaves of bread, together with a quantity of meat, sausage and milk, were distributed to the destitute here yesterday.

LISBON, March 6th.

The South African mails bring news of a revolt in Zambesi, Para district, against Captain Goveas, who, it is rumored, has been killed.

ATHENS, March 6th.

M. de Imerts has been appointed Minister of Finance, and M. Melitopolous Foreign Minister.

LONDON, March 7th.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Standard* recounts a startling story in connection with the Emperor William's recent Brandenburg visit. He asserts that in connection with his speech a gentleman at the banquet remarked to the Emperor that he must not forget Russia, whereupon William retorted, "I will pulverize Russia." This remark was promptly transmitted to De Giers, who repeated the remark to the Czar. The Czar summoned the German Ambassador, Von Schwelbitch, and said, after recounting the statement, "Tell your Emperor that when he wants to begin pulverizing I will throw half a million men across the frontier with the greatest pleasure."

General Von Schwelbitch has communicated his message, it is said, to Emperor William. The story, while doubtless exaggerated, is vouched for by *Standard* correspondent as containing a kernel of truth. The rumor of William's sympathy with the Poles has rendered the Czar especially bitter against him lately.

Notwithstanding the efforts of interested officials to belittle the gravity of the situation at Athens, reliable advice are received leaving no doubt that the greatest popular excitement prevails, and that the constitutional course of King George is viewed with the utmost indignation.

It is said that before taking the step of dismissing the Cabinet, which had the support of the majority, King George had assurance of aid in the event of necessity both from the British and Russian authorities to be given under the pretext of preserving order and preventing the lives and

property of foreigners. It is only the belief in the certainty of such interference, should the occasion arise, that prevents the Athenians from breaking out against the arbitrary course of the King.

During the debate in the House of Commons on the army estimates to-day Mr. Stanhope made an elaborate defense of Great Britain's military establishment. He said that the drill and spirit of the British army, exclusive of India, made it the finest body of troops in the world. On the battle-field it would gain by comparison with the armies of France and Germany. India, alone, he said, could place in the field 80,000 men of full age and training and still have 31,000 militia left to call upon. Great Britain had, in fact, the largest and best army that she has had since the peninsular war.

These assertions were listened to with surprise, in view of the fact that for a total standing army at home and abroad of 270,000 men the Government appropriates annually as much as does Germany and a little less than does France for their huge military establishments.

Some of the English papers have reproduced the substance of an interview with Secretary Foster cabled to New York last week and in which the expression "clam-mouthing" as applied to Irish immigrants, has created much excitement. Mr. Foster today reiterated the statement that the expression was not his. "I said," said he, "the familiar phrase 'clam-mouthing' to denote a raw immigrant whose children become assimilated with a good American type."

The final returns of the election for members of the London County Council Saturday last show the return of an overwhelming majority of Progressives and Liberals. The new council will consist of seventy-four Progressives and thirty-four Moderates or Conservatives.

The new British steamer *Massachusetts* arrived at Swansea last night, where she will load for New York 3000 tons of plate. This will be the largest shipment of plate to the United States since the McKinley bill went into effect.

In the Commons to-day Mr. Redmond, Home Ruler, asked whether, in view of the results of the London County Council elections, the Government proposed to immediately dissolve Parliament. Balfour ignored the question.

ROME, March 7th.

A succession of earthquakes were felt at Messina and the Lipari islands to-day. No damage was done.

BERLIN, March 7th.

The ill-temper of the Emperor, on account of the broad riots in Berlin and Danzig, the popular hostility to the School Bill and the sharp criticisms on his Brandenburg speech, has been intensified by the failure of his negotiations with the Duke of Cumberland as to the Cuckoo fund. The Emperor's proposition was that the Government surrender the 4,000,000 marks constituting the funds of the Duke on condition that the latter resign for ever all pretences to the throne of Hanover and Brunswick. In case this should be rejected the Duke of Cumberland was informed that the Prussian Government would not treat with him again, but would apply to Parliament for permission to spend the money. The Emperor expected that the Duke would accompany the threat would move the Duke to favor an immediate settlement, especially as Queen Victoria had been induced to act as mediator in the affair. The Duke has replied that no settlement of the Cuckoo fund is possible without the unqualified recognition of his right to the succession in Hanover and Brunswick.

The recent riots in Germany have had the effect of intensifying the cleavage existing between the socialistic factions. At a meeting of 2000 members of the advanced wing in Berlin to-day the moderates were denounced for declaring that the riots were due to loafers. The speakers declared that the plundering of so many shops was the work of workmen driven to desperation by hunger.

Fifteen thousand socialists attended the funeral of Herr Reiter at Hamburg to-day. A hundred socialist flags were displayed, and Frohme, a socialist Deputy, delivered the funeral oration.

VIENNA, March 7th.

The news from Egypt is to the effect that the new Khedive intends to begin his reign by recovering the Sudan, which was lost to Egypt with the rebellion of the Mahdi and the fall of Khartoum.

The latest information from the Sudan indicates that an invasion properly organized and commanded would not fail of success and that the people are ripe for the change and that the Egyptian would be welcomed by the masses of the inhabitants as deliverers from intolerable tyranny.

Darfur has almost been deserted by Derivishes and his Bah-el-Ghazal province contains but few of them. The revolt of the Shaluk tribe resulted in severe fighting, the Derivishes losing several hundred men. Reinforcements have been sent from Omdurman.

Food throughout the Sudan is cheap. Many tribes appear tired of war, and say they would welcome the return of Egyptian rule. The Derivishes have a wester at Fashaka, but they do not venture beyond a short distance from the Nile bank.

The Khedive's visit to the frontier last winter has produced a very favorable impression among the Sudan tribes. The Derivishes still retain a monopoly of the trade in gum, ivory and feathers, which they sell at large profits to mechanists, who send a considerable portion of the goods to Sudan.

The invading troops will be commanded by British officers and will include, as it is intended, some of the British-Indian troops and a large force of Sudanese, who were splendid fighters for the immortal Gordon.

BRUSSELS, March 7th.

The violent attack of the socialists upon the Congo enterprise has been followed by one from a different quarter. Several clerical papers, openly the King's Government of entering into competition in the ivory traffic against private companies which pay highly for their concessions. These papers alleged that the Congo officials purchase ivory on a large scale, often knowing it to have been obtained by the Arabs by means of robbery and massacre of the natives. They send the ivory to Hamburg instead of to Antwerp markets. The accusers call on the King's Government to demand explanations of the Congo Government.

LISBON, March 7th.

The hurricanes which passed over some Portuguese districts did much damage to property and harbor works here. Six persons were struck by flying debris and killed and a number of others more or less injured. The river Tagus has already overflowed its banks, and continues to rise rapidly, threatening considerable damage.

The census returned the compilation of which has just been completed, shows the population of New South Wales to be 1,132,534. These figures include 141,550 Chinese and 8560 aborigines. The population of Sydney is 323,376.

LONDON, March 6th.

Writs issued by a French tribunal at the instance of Justice McCarthy were served upon Timothy Harrington, Joseph Edward Kenny and Mrs. E. Parnell, calling upon them to withdraw the objections they lodged some time ago with the Paris banking firm of Monro & Co., prohibiting that house from paying to McCarthy the funds belonging to the Irish Parliamentary party, of which the late Parnell was one of the leaders.

The *Chronicle's* St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Hurricane typhus is causing terrible mortality in the famine districts. The daughter of General Radetski, the defender of the Shipka Pass, has died of fever contracted while nursing sick peasants. The Czar is incensed at the incompetence of the Ministers to deal with the famine, and the greatest disorder prevails throughout the empire."

The *Chronicle's* St. Petersburg correspondent says: "A doctor has just arrived here from Berlin during the recent riotous six weeks entered in one day suffering with stab wounds, and six of them have since died."

The *Times* Berlin correspondent says the German Government is ready to compromise with the opposition and meet the objections made to the education bill.

An attempt was made to float the steamer *Eider* yesterday. When she was lifted off the rock, the water rushed in in great volume. The pumps were working hard and it is hoped that she will be off to sea to-day.

PARIS, March 8th.

A dispatch from St. Louis, Senegal, states that the French force under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Humbert had another engagement with the noted Emir Samory and carried Koukouro, in Senegal, by assault. Many natives were killed. Samory escaped from the French.

Rouvier, Minister of Finance, has drafted a budget which has been approved by the Ministry. It provides for a reform in the excise duties, the institution of a permanent fund to be applied to the reduction of debt and measures to insure the payment of the 500 million bonds due in 1893. It reduces the tax on beer and increases the tax on spirits from 15 to 20 centimes per hectolitre.

ROME, March 8th.

The police of Taranto have arrested 133 persons suspected of being members of the *Malavita* Society, the principal object of which is brigandage.

THE HUNAN PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor of the N. C. Daily News.

SIR,—There can be no doubt now that active measures are being adopted with the view of suppressing the reptile press of Changsha. In a letter just received from Changsha, I am informed that the H. E. Yü, the Grain Commissioner of Hunan, has been ordered by the Emperor to proceed to Hunan, and hurry on the seizure of blocks and the punishment of the offenders. My friend writes:—"The Governor has ordered the magistrates of the two districts, Changsha and Shantung, to bring to Court the owners of the three publishing firms, T'eng Mei-hua, T'eng Yeu-wen, and Ch'ia T'ui-t'ch. The three shops have been closed, and the doors sealed up. The three characters (Pao Shan Tang) have been erased, and Chou Han has disappeared. For several days in succession the two magistrates have been holding their judicial inquiries; but no blocks have been seized, and the Governor has also sent a despatch to the magistrate of Ninghsiang, ordering him to hasten to the provincial capital. Chou Han is a native of Ninghsiang. There is at the present time a great deal of discussion going on among the relatives and friends of the three publishing firms, the members of the three colleges at Changsha and the students both literary and military, in and around the city. The excitement is considerable, and it is impossible to say how matters will turn out, whether favourably or otherwise. But I will write you again." So far, so good. Three things are clear: (1) We have succeeded in calling the attention of the Central Government to the Hunan publications. The source of danger is known to the Peking Government, and the weight of the Imperial power is brought to bear upon it. This is a great point gained. (2) The Pao Shan Tang Hall in Changsha, the very centre of the mischief, is in a digress. The removal of the name from the front of the Hall is tantamount to the closing of the establishment. The moral effect of this step on the people of Changsha will be considerable. (3) Chou Han has collapsed ignominiously. The owners of the three publishing firms, who were mere tools in his hands, have been abandoned to their fate. This self-styled "Man of Iron" has turned out to be a mere blustering braggart. Some of your readers will remember Chou Han's epiphany, which he had prepared to deliver in the hall, and of which I sent you a translation some months since. When translating that remarkable production I felt inclined to credit the man with a touch of the heroic. It is, I confess, a disappointment to me to read that document in the light of this last news from Changsha.

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